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SUBJECT: VISIT TO JAPAN BY USDOT DEPUTY SECRETARY BUTCHMAN

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY ALAN BUTCHMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. BUTCHMAN AND A PARTY TO BE IDENTIFIED LATER, IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN DURING THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 13-20. TRAVEL WILL BE CONDUCTED ABOARD A U. S. COAST GUARD GULFSTREAM TWO, CALL SIGN CG ZERO ONE, MANNED BY A COAST GUARD FOUR-MAN FLIGHT CREW. DETAILS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WILL BE FORWARDED IN A LATER MESSAGE BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THE -
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FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY IS PROVIDED: (ALL TIMES LOCAL).

DEPART WASHINGTON 0900 OCTOBER 13

ARRIVE ANCHORAGE 1400

DEPART ANCHORAGE 1000 OCTOBER 14

ARRIVE OSAKA 1500 OCTOBER 15

DEPART OSAKA 1415 OCTOBER 18
ARRIVE TOKYO 1700
DEPART TOKYO 0730 OCTOBER 20 EN ROUTE TO HONOLULU
AND WASHINGTON.

2. MR. BUTCHMAN IS VISITING OSAKA-KOBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRI-PORT SEMINAR BEING HELD AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL, KOBE, DURING OCTOBER 15-18 AS WELL AS TO VISIT NEW TECHNOLOGY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA. HIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE STAY IN THE OSAKA-KOBE AREA IS AS FOLLOWS:

3. OCTOBER 15, 1800 - ATTEND THE TRI-PORT WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE SORAKUEN HOSTED BY THE MAYOR OF KOBE.

4. OCTOBER 16. MR. BUTCHMAN AND PARTY WISH TO TRAVEL TO MIYAZAKI TO OBSERVE AND DISCUSS WITH OFFICIALS THE JNR MAGLEV TEST FACILITIES. DOT VISUALIZES DEPARTURE FROM OSAKA EARLY A.M. VIA COMMERCIAL AIR TO MIYAZAKI, DRIVE TO JNR TEST SITE FOR DEMONSTRATION, AND RETURN TO OSAKA IN TIME FOR THE TRI-PORT RECEPTION AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL IN KOBE AT 1800. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT JNR, TO ADVISE OF PROPOSED VISIT AND REQUEST CONCURRENCE AND ASSISTANCE. FURTHER, REQUEST CONGEN DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF OSAKA-MIYAZAKI-OSAKA TRIP AS PROPOSED AND ADVISE OF COSTS AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES. FYI, CG-01 CANNOT BE UTILIZED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MIYAZAKI TRIP BECAUSE OF AIRFIELD LIMITATIONS.

5. OCTOBER 17. MR. BUTCHMAN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TRI-PORT SEMINAR IN THE MORNING. AFTER LUNCH WITH THE TRI-PORT OFFICIALS, HE PLANS TO VISIT THE KAWASAKI COMPUTER CONTROLLED VEHICLE TEST FACILITY IN KOBE. CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE KAWASAKI NEW YORK OFFICE REGARDING THIS VISIT AND WE UNDERSTAND AN INVITATION TO BUTCHMAN IS IN THE MAIL. HOWEVER, REQUEST THE CONGEN CONTACT THE KOBE KAWASAKI PEOPLE TO VERIFY THE ARRANGEMENTS. DOT HAS BEEN ADVISED MR. MASAHICO ISHIZAWA, GENERAL MANAGER OF KAWASAKI WILL HOST THIS VISIT. RECOMMENDATIONS BY EMBASSY/CONGEN RE THIS PROGRAM ARE SOLICITED.

6. OCTOBER 18. THE BUTCHMAN PARTY WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MORNING TRI-PORT PROGRAMMED TOUR OF KOBE PORT AND HARBOR ABOARD A VESSEL ASSIGNED TO THE MAYOR, WHO, AS WE UNDERSTAND, WILL ALSO BE SERVING LUNCH ABOARD. MR. BUTCHMAN WANTS TO TRAVEL FROM KOBE TO TOKYO ABOARD THE BULLET TRAIN, LEAVING KOBE EARLY AFTERNOON OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER LUNCH THAT DAY. WILL CONGEN DETERMINE

FROM KOBE PORT AUTHORITIES WHEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE TO DEBARK FROM THE MAYOR'S BOAT IN ORDER TO CATCH AN EARLY AFTERNOON TRAIN? ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ADVISE OF METHOD OF OBTAINING BULLET TRAIN TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS, IF NECESSARY. THE ENTIRE PARTY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO TOKYO

VIA TRAIN. FYI, CG-01 WILL TRAVEL TO TOKYO THE P.M. OF OCT. 18 AND EMBASSY IS WELCOME TO UTILIZE THE SPACE (10 SEATS) FOR ANY OFFICIAL PASSENGER TRAVEL.

7. OCTOBER 19.. MR. BUTCHMAN WOULD LIKE TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN TOKYO, FOLLOWED BY AN AMVER PRESENTATION AT THE EMBASSY. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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LIKE TO PAY A CALL ON HIS COUNTERPART IN THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE SECRETARIAT TO DISCUSS U.S.-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. DURING EARLY AFTERNOON MR. BUTCHMAN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE JAL MAGLEV TEST FACILITY AT KAWASAKI CITY. PAST ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH MR. KAORU HATANO, TELEPHONE 03 284-2395. REQUEST EMBASSY DEVELOP A PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED ABOVE AND ADVISE. DOT SOLICITS EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL.

8. OCTOBER 20. BUTCHMAN PARTY DEPARTS TOKYO EN ROUTE TO HONOLULU.

9. FOR CONGEN OSAKA-KOBE. HOTEL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUTCHMAN PARTY WILL BE TWO DOUBLES, SIX SINGLES AND TWO DOUBLES FOR THE AIRCREW. WILL CONGEN RECOMMEND HOTELS, BOTH WITH JAPANESE AND WESTERN STYLE ROOMS, ALONG WITH CURRENT PRICES. ADDITIONALLY, WILL CONGEN CHECK WITH TRI-PORT KOBE OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ARRANGING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MR. BUTCHMAN. DOES CONGEN HAVE SEDAN RESOURCES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM? IF NOT, DOT WILL PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR HIRING OF CARS. CAN CONGEN ASSIST IN PROVIDING OFFICIAL WHO CAN ACT AS INTERPRETER FOR ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN TRI-PORT? IN ANY CASE CONGEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE VISITS.

10. FOR TOKYO. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR BUTCHMAN PARTY (ROOMS AS ABOVE) FOR NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 18 AND 19. SIMILAR INFORMATION RE HOTELS AND RATES REQUESTED. CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED FOR PROGRAM? PLEASE ADVISE IF RENTAL CARS REQUIRED. CAN UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY ASSIST IN INTERPRETATION DURING OFFICIAL VISITS
IN TOKYO? EMBASSY INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE
IN MEETING WITH JAPANESE MOT, ETC.

11. DEPT REALIZES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SLOTS
AT OSAKA OR TOKYO AIRPORTS FOR USCG AIRCRAFT BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CHECKING THIS OUT OR SUGGESTING

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, IF ANY. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
EMBASSY COMMENTS RE ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING AMVER PRESEN-
TATION CITED PARA 7 SINCE, WE UNDERSTAND, JAPANESE ATTEND-
ANCE AT MOST RECENT AMVER PRESENTATIONS WAS MINIMAL. CHRISTOPHER

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